

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on September 26, 2017, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 364 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2017–210, CP2017–318.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of notice required under 39 U.S.C. 3642(d)(1):* October 2, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on September 26, 2017, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Parcel Select Contract 23 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2017–211, CP2017–319.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Delay the Implementation Date of Certain Amendments to FINRA Rule 4210 Approved Pursuant to SR–FINRA–2015–036

September 26, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2017, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is proposing to delay, until June 25, 2018, the implementation date of the amendments to FINRA Rule 4210 (Margin Requirements) pursuant to SR–FINRA–2015–036, other than the amendments pursuant to SR–FINRA–2015–036 that were implemented on December 15, 2016. The proposed rule change would not make any changes to FINRA rules.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any

comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On October 6, 2015, FINRA filed with the Commission proposed rule change SR–FINRA–2015–036, which proposed to amend FINRA Rule 4210 to establish margin requirements for (1) To Be Announced (“TBA”) transactions, inclusive of adjustable rate mortgage (“ARM”) transactions; (2) Specified Pool Transactions; and (3) transactions in Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (“CMOs”), issued in conformity with a program of an agency or Government-Sponsored Enterprise (“GSE”), with forward settlement dates, as defined more fully in the filing (collectively, “Covered Agency Transactions”). The Commission approved SR–FINRA–2015–036 on June 15, 2016 (the “Approval Date”).⁴

FINRA proposed in Amendment No. 3 to SR–FINRA–2015–036 to implement the rule change 18 months from the Approval Date, except that the risk limit determination requirements as set forth in paragraphs (e)(2)(F), (e)(2)(G) and (e)(2)(H) of Rule 4210 and in new Supplementary Material .05, each as respectively amended or established by SR–FINRA–2015–036 (collectively, the “risk limit determination requirements”), would be implemented six months from the Approval Date.⁵ As FINRA announced in *Regulatory Notice* 16–31 (the “Notice”), the amendments relating to the risk limit determination requirements became effective on December 15, 2016.⁶ FINRA announced in the Notice that December 15, 2017 would be the effective date for all other amendments pursuant to SR–FINRA–

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78081 (June 15, 2016), 81 FR 40364 (June 21, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 3 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to a Proposed Rule Change to Amend FINRA Rule 4210 (Margin Requirements) to Establish Margin Requirements for the TBA Market, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3; File No. SR–FINRA–2015–036).

⁵ See Partial Amendment No. 3 to SR–FINRA–2015–036, available at: www.finra.org; see also *Regulatory Notice* 16–31 (August 2016) (announcing December 15, 2016 as the effective date for the amendments relating to the risk limit determination requirements pursuant to SR–FINRA–2015–036 and announcing December 15, 2017 as the effective date for all other amendments pursuant to the rule change).

⁶ See *Regulatory Notice* 16–31.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

2015–036 (the “December 15, 2017 implementation date”).

FINRA has received questions regarding implementation of the requirements of SR–FINRA–2015–036. In response, FINRA has engaged in extensive discussions with industry participants and other regulators, including staff of the SEC, and has made available a set of Frequently Asked Questions & Guidance to facilitate members’ efforts to comply with the rule change.⁷ In addition, industry participants have requested additional time to make systems changes necessary to comply with the requirements of SR–FINRA–2015–036, including time to test the systems changes, and have requested time to update or amend margining agreements and related documentation. Given the systems changes necessary, and industry participants’ request for additional time to update or amend margining agreements and related documentation, FINRA believes it is appropriate to extend the December 15, 2017 implementation date to June 25, 2018. FINRA notes that the risk limit determination requirements pursuant to SR–FINRA–2015–036 became effective on December 15, 2016 and, as such, the implementation of such requirements is not affected by the proposed rule change.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the Commission waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing. The operative date will be the date of filing of the proposed rule change.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁸ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change provides industry participants additional time to complete the systems changes necessary to comply with SR–FINRA–2015–036, and provides them additional time to update

or amend margining agreements and related documentation. FINRA believes that providing such additional time is consistent with the Act in that it thereby facilitates implementation of SR–FINRA–2015–036, which, by establishing margin requirements for Covered Agency Transactions, will help among other things to reduce the risk of loss due to counterparty failure in one of the largest fixed income markets and thereby help protect investors and the public interest by ensuring orderly and stable markets.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. FINRA believes that providing additional time for industry participants to make and test the systems changes necessary to comply with SR–FINRA–2015–036, and providing additional time to update or amend margining agreements and related documentation, will benefit all interested parties.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii),¹² the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection

of investors and the public interest. FINRA has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative upon filing. FINRA has stated that the purpose of the proposed rule change is to provide industry participants additional time to make systems changes necessary to comply with the requirements of SR–FINRA–2015–036, including time to test the systems changes, and time to update or amend margining agreements and related documentation. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and will help to facilitate the implementation of the margin requirements for Covered Agency Transactions. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay requirement and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.¹³

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–FINRA–2017–029 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–FINRA–2017–029. This file number should be included on the

¹³ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁷ Available at: www.finra.org/industry/guidance. Further, staff of the SEC’s Division of Trading and Markets have made available a set of Frequently Asked Questions regarding Exchange Act Rule 15c3–1 and Rule 15c3–3 in connection with Covered Agency Transactions under FINRA Rule 4210, also available at: www.finra.org/industry/guidance.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o–3(b)(6).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires FINRA to give the Commission written notice of FINRA’s intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. FINRA has satisfied this requirement.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6)(iii).

subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2017-029 and should be submitted on or before October 23, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-81725; File No. SR-IEX-2017-30]

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Listing Fees

September 26, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on September 13, 2017, the Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities

and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),⁴ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁵ Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or "Exchange") is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend Rule 14.601, which is currently reserved, to (i) adopt an annual fee of \$50,000 for companies listing on the Exchange and (ii) provide for specified fee credits.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at www.iextrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements [sic] may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On June 17, 2016, the Commission granted IEX's application for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Act including approval of rules applicable to the qualification, listing and delisting of companies on the Exchange.⁶ The Exchange plans to begin a listing program in 2017 and is proposing to adopt a simple fee

structure for listed companies.⁷

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 14.601 to (i) adopt an all-inclusive annual fee of \$50,000 for companies listing on the Exchange and (ii) provide for specified fee credits for a company that is approved for IEX listing⁸ and, prior to or within 120 calendar days of the first IEX listing, announces its intent to transfer its listing to IEX in the company's press release issued pursuant to Rule 12d2-2(c)(2)(iii) under the Act⁹ announcing its intent to withdraw its securities from listing on its current national securities exchange.

As proposed, paragraph (a) of Rule 14.601 contains introductory text stating that the rule sets forth the required listing fees. Paragraph (b) specifies a \$50,000 all-inclusive annual listing fee that will be payable annually by each listed company on January 1st of each year for the upcoming calendar year, subject to fee credits as specified in paragraph (c) and described more fully below. The annual listing fee will not be charged in the first calendar year of a company's listing on IEX, but thereafter would be the only fee payable by a listed company per year for all aspects of its listing. The Exchange is not proposing to charge application fees, entry fees, fees for the listing of additional shares, recordkeeping fees, substitution listing fees, fees for a written interpretation of listing rules or hearing fees. All listed companies will be subject to the same annual listing fee, without differentiation based on the number of shares outstanding, unless eligible for a fee credit as described below. Paragraph (b) also provides that the annual fee will be subject to a pro-rata refund if the company ceases to be

⁷ The Exchange's listing program launch is pending Commission rulemaking to amend Rule 146 under Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") to designate securities listed on the Exchange as covered securities for purposes of Section 18(b) of the Securities Act. See Securities Act Release No. 10390 (July 14, 2017) 82 FR 33839 (July 21, 2017) (File No. S7-06-17) proposing such rule amendment.

⁸ See IEX Rule 14.202.

⁹ Rule 12d2-2(c) under the Act specifies, among other things, the requirements applicable to an issuer of a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange to notify the Commission of its withdrawal of such securities from listing on such national securities exchange. Subparagraph 2(ii) thereto requires that the issuer must provide notice to its national securities exchange of such determination no fewer than 10 days before notification to the Commission. Subparagraph 2(iii) thereto requires that "[c]ontemporaneous with providing written notice to the exchange of its intent to withdraw a class of securities from listing and/or registration, the issuer must publish notice of such intention, along with its reasons for such withdrawal, via a press release and, if it has a publicly accessible Web site, posting such notice on that Web site."

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁵ 17 CFR [sic] 240.19b-4.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-78101 (June 17, 2016), 81 FR 41141 (June 23, 2016) (File No. 10-222).